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DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY OFFICIAL  
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Q: DID YOU GET US THE STATEMENT BY WILLIAM HARROP?

A: I DON'T HAVE A STATEMENT.

Q: THE SENATE, YESTERDAY, VOTED BY, I THINK, 53 TO 29 TO  
SHUT DOWN THE U.S. MISSION IN HAVANA UNTIL THE CUBANS WITH-  
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DRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM AFRICA. IN VIEW OF THE ADMINISTRA-  
TION'S STATEMENTS THAT IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT CONGRESSIONAL  
SENTIMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY, I WONDER WHAT ACTION THE  
ADMINISTRATION MAY OR MAY NOT TAKE IN LIGHT OF THE SENATE  
VOTE?

A: LET ME SAY THAT I EXPECT TO HAVE A FORMAL STATEMENT THAT  
I WILL POST TO THAT QUESTION.

Q: COULD YOU CONFIRM REPORTS THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY  
WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AT THE MOMENT WITH A VIEW TO GETTING

SOUTH AFRICA TO SIGN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND HOW  
CLOSE ARE WE TO GETTING THAT ACCOMPLISHED?

A: I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BASICALLY GO BEYOND THE  
GUIDANCE I HAD YESTERDAY, WHICH IS THAT AMBASSADOR SMITH  
IS IN SOUTH AFRICA, IS STILL THERE, AND THAT AMBASSADOR  
SMITH REPRESENTS A STAGE IN A SERIES OF CONTACTS THAT WE  
HAVE HAD WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS ON MATTERS OF INTER-  
NATIONAL CONCERN IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. BUT I DON'T THINK  
THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE

DETAILS OR THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS HE IS HAVING  
AT THIS TIME.

Q: SPECIFICALLY, IS HE DISCUSSING THE TREATY WITH THEM AND  
THEIR SIGNING IT? IS THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR HIS GOING?

A: THE TALKS CLEARLY REFLECT OUR BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE  
IN THE INTERNATIONAL INTEREST OF ALL IF SOUTH AFRICA WOULD  
ADHERE TO THE NPT AND AGREE TO SAFEGUARDS ON ITS NUCLEAR  
FACILITIES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, SOUTH AFRICA HAS ALSO INDICATED ITS  
INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER OF POSSIBLE NUCLEAR  
FUEL SUPPLY. BUT I AM SIMPLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO  
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INTO DETAIL ON THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME.

Q: ASIDE FROM SMITH'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA, WOULD THE  
UNITED STATES AGREE TO SUPPLY NUCLEAR FUEL TO SOUTH AFRICA  
IF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA DID NOT AGREE TO SIGN THE  
NPT?

A: I WILL BE GLAD TO TAKE THE QUESTION, BECAUSE I DON'T  
HAVE THE INTRICACIES OF THE POSITION IN FRONT OF ME, BUT  
I THINK THAT OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE SOME CLEAR PROBLEMS IN  
OUR MIND CONNECTED WITH BOTH ISSUES. I WILL TAKE THE  
QUESTION. VANCE

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